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Fisheries of the Gulf of Mexico; Southeast Data, Assessment, and Review (SEDAR);  
Public Meeting

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and  
Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of SEDAR 28 Gulf of Mexico Spanish mackerel and cobia Review  
Workshop.

SUMMARY: The SEDAR 28 assessment of the Gulf of Mexico Spanish mackerel and  
cobia fisheries will consist of a series of workshops and supplemental webinars. This  
notice is for the Review Workshop portion of the SEDAR process. See

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION.

DATES: The SEDAR 28 Review Workshop will be held on March 25-26, 2013. The  
workshop will begin at 8 a.m. and conclude no later than 6 p.m. EDT on each day.

ADDRESSES: The Review Workshop will be held in the office of the Gulf of Mexico  
Fishery Management Council, 2203 North Lois Avenue, Suite 1100, Tampa FL 33607.

The Review Workshop is open to members of the public. Those interested in  
participating should contact Ryan Rindone at SEDAR (see Contact Information below) to  
request an invitation providing webinar access information. Please request meeting  
information at least 24 hours in advance.

SEDAR address: 4055 Faber Place Drive, Suite 201, N. Charleston, SC 29405

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Gulf of Mexico, South Atlantic, and Caribbean Fishery Management Councils, in conjunction with NOAA Fisheries and the Atlantic and Gulf States Marine Fisheries Commissions, have implemented the Southeast Data, Assessment and Review (SEDAR) process, a multi-step method for determining the status of fish stocks in the Southeast Region. SEDAR is a three-step process including: 1) Data Workshop; 2) Assessment Process including a workshop and webinars; and 3) Review Workshop. The product of the Data Workshop is a data report which compiles and evaluates potential datasets and recommends which datasets are appropriate for assessment analyses. The product of the Assessment Process is a stock assessment report which describes the fisheries, evaluates the status of the stock, estimates biological benchmarks, projects future population conditions, and recommends research and monitoring needs. The assessment is independently peer reviewed at the Review Workshop. The product of the Review Workshop is a Consensus Summary documenting panel opinions regarding the strengths and weaknesses of the stock assessment and input data. Participants for SEDAR Workshops are appointed by the Gulf of Mexico, South Atlantic, and Caribbean Fishery Management Councils and NOAA Fisheries Southeast Regional Office, Highly Migratory Species Management Division, and Southeast Fisheries Science Center. Participants include: data collectors and database managers; stock assessment scientists, biologists, and researchers; constituency representatives including fishermen, environmentalists, and non-

governmental organizations (NGOs); international experts; and staff of Councils, Commissions, and state and federal agencies.

The items of discussion in the Review Workshop are as follows:

Panelists will review the proceedings of the SEDAR 28 Data and Assessment Workshops, and make recommendations with respect to the stock assessments of Gulf of Mexico Spanish mackerel and cobia.

Although non-emergency issues not contained in this agenda may come before this group for discussion, those issues may not be the subject of formal action during this meeting. Action will be restricted to those issues specifically identified in this notice and any issues arising after publication of this notice that require emergency action under section 305(c) of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, provided the public has been notified of the intent to take final action to address the emergency.

#### Special Accommodations

This meeting is accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for auxiliary aids should be directed to the SEDAR office (see ADDRESSES) at least 10 business days prior to the meeting.

Note: The times and sequence specified in this agenda are subject to change.

Dated: March 7, 2013.

Tracey L. Thompson,

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